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1. The movement of materials (ruch towarowy) department of the Ministry of the Machine Industry controls the distribution of ball bearings in Poland. Five agencies in Warsaw, Wroclaw (Breslau), Poznan, Lodz, and Stalinogrod (formerly Katowice) are subordinate to this department. The central distribution office (Biuro Zbytu Lozysk Tocznych) is located at 47 Krakowskie Przedmiescie Street, Warsaw, and is directed by Pochrzest (fnu).
2. Since there is a grave shortage of industrial ball bearings, the distribution agencies allocate them to plants on a monthly basis only with the stipulation that surplus bearings must be sold back to the nearest agency. Each factory must submit a monthly list of ball bearing stocks to the central distribution office in order to receive its allocation for the succeeding month.
3. Each agency sorts and fixes the price of the returned bearings in terms of whether they are new, used, in need of repair, or for scrap. Although the price of ball bearings may vary from 1 zloty to 7,000 zlotys, its purchase price, which is per unit, is generally five times higher than its selling price, which is according to weight.
4. The Wroclaw agency, which is located on Pierwszego Maja Street, has a monthly quota of 16 tons of ball bearings. Each month the agency dispatches a truck equipped with two armed policemen to collect the ball bearings from the factories. There are four specialists at Wroclaw to examine the returned bearings.
5. In January 1955 a deficit exceeding 1.6 million zlotys was discovered at the Wroclaw agency. It is believed that the bearings, mostly of the type for repair or smelting, were stolen by the specialists and porters in spite of the tight controls.
6. Although Poland produces some low-grade bearings at Krasnik, she is dependent upon imports [REDACTED] for her supply.

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